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the set of claims that were filed by applicants in their letter, dated July 17, 2000, to the Australian Patent Office. No claim fee is due inasmuch as the total number of claims is 20, of which three claims are in independent form.

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (Amended) An insulation module for a process vessel for containing a material to be maintained within controlled temperature limits for use in a process including:

an externally mounted pre-fabricated panel having integrally formed therein an outer surface layer and a thermal insulation layer which opposes a portion of the outer wall of the process vessel; and

mounting means comprising a fastening system of complementary fastening components, none of which extend continuously about the periphery of the process vessel, for directly mounting the panel at a distance from the outer wall of said process vessel to define an air gap between the panel and the outer wall of the process vessel when the insulation module is mounted relative thereto.

Please add the following claims.

19. The insulation module of claim 1 wherein said insulation layer is retained between the outer surface layer and a support mesh.

20. The insulation module of claim 19 wherein the fastening system extends between the outer surface layer through the insulation layer to the supporting mesh.

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21. The insulation module of claim 1 wherein said fastening components include at least one fixing screw.
22. The insulation module of claim 21 wherein a speed clip member is secured to a free end of said at least one fixing screw.
23. The insulation module of claim 1 wherein the insulation layer is adhered directly to the outer surface layer of said panel.
24. The insulation module of claim 1 wherein said mounting means includes a series of brackets secured to and extending from the outer surface layer towards the vessel wall when the insulation is in an installed position.
25. The insulation module of claim 24 wherein each bracket includes a mounting leg for supporting the panel of the insulation module away from the vessel wall.
26. The insulation module of claim 25 wherein said vessel has a series of cleats provided about the outer wall thereof and said mounting legs of said brackets are secured to said cleats.

27. The insulation module of claim 25 wherein the fastening means secure said bracket mounting legs to the vessel wall.

28. The insulation module of claim 27 wherein said fastening means are thread rod stubs and each bracket mounting leg includes at least one laterally extending foot having at least one opening therethrough to accommodate respective thread rod stubs.

29. The insulation module of claim 1 wherein said insulation layer is of material selected from the group consisting of rock wool, fibreglass, PIR foam, PUR foam and mixtures thereof.

30. The insulation module of claim 2 wherein said insulation layer is retained between the outer surface layer and a support mesh.

31. The insulation module of claim 30 wherein the fastening system extends between the outer surface layer through the insulation layer to the supporting mesh.

32. A method of installing insulation on a process vessel for containing a material to be maintained within controlled temperature limits for use in a process including mounting a plurality of insulation modules, each as claimed in claim 1 in an abutting or closely adjacent relationship on an outer surface of the vessel, each insulation module